

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE PANEL ASSESSMENT OF THE 2014 QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Defense Panel Assessment of the 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review”. Testimony was heard from Eric Edelman, Panelist, National Defense Panel, Former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; and Michèle Flournoy, Panelist, National Defense Panel, Former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

THE ROLE OF MARITIME AND AIR POWER IN DOD’S THIRD OFFSET STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “The Role of Maritime and Air Power in DoD’s Third Offset Strategy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ISIS AND THE THREAT FROM FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, held a joint hearing entitled “ISIS and the Threat from Foreign Fighters”. Testimony was heard from Robert Bradtke, Senior Advisor for Partner Engagement on Syria Foreign Fighters, Department of State; and Tom Warrick, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Counterterrorism Policy, Department of Homeland Security.

HONG KONG: A BROKEN PROMISE?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Hong Kong: A Broken Promise?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OPEN BORDERS: THE IMPACT OF PRESIDENTIAL AMNESTY ON BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Open Borders: The Impact of Presidential Amnesty on Border Security”. Testimony was heard from Jeh Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

PRESIDENT OBAMA’S EXECUTIVE OVERREACH ON IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “President Obama’s Executive Overreach on Immigration”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TAX INCREASE PREVENTION ACT OF 2014; ABLE ACT OF 2014

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5771, the “Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014”; and H.R. 647, the “ABLE Act of 2014”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for H.R. 5771. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 647. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule directs the Clerk to, in the engrossment of H.R. 5771, add the text of H.R. 647, as passed by the House, as a new matter at the end of H.R. 5771 and make conforming modifications in the engrossment. Testimony was heard from Chairman Camp and Representative Levin.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1053)

H.R. 1233, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records. Signed on November 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–187)

H.R. 4194, to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements. Signed on November 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–188)

S. 885, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the “Thaddeus Stevens Post Office”. Signed on November 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–189)

S. 898, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation. Signed on November 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–190)

S. 1093, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the “First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building”. Signed on November 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–191)

S. 1499, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 278 Main Street in Chadron, Nebraska, as the “Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office”. Signed on November 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–192)

S. 1512, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office”. Signed on November 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–193)

S. 1934, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse to Teton County, Wyoming. Signed on November 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–194)

S. 2141, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients. Signed on November 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–195)

S. 2539, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research. Signed on November 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–196)

S. 2583, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. Signed on November 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–197)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine farmers and fresh water, focusing on voluntary conservation to protect our land and waters, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be Administrator of the Na-

tional Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, both of the Department of Transportation, and Tho Dinh-Zarr, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s (NRC) implementation of the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force recommendations and other actions to enhance and maintain nuclear safety, 9 a.m., SD–406.

Full Committee, business meeting to continue consideration of S. 2963, to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels, and the nominations of Virginia Tyler Lodge, and Ronald Anderson Walter, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., Room to be announced.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine natural gas vehicles, focusing on fueling American jobs, enhancing energy security, and achieving emissions benefits, 2:30 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine evaluating the impact of the ‘Umbrella Movement’, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine dismantling Iran’s nuclear weapons program, focusing on the next steps to achieve a comprehensive deal, 1:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Joan Marie Azrack, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Loretta Copeland Biggs, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Elizabeth K. Dillon, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Michael P. Botticelli, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the high cost of treating veterans with the Hepatitis C virus and the impact of the disease on the VA health care system, 11:30 a.m., SR–418.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Takata Airbag Ruptures and Recalls”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “The Future of the Children’s Health Insurance Program”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing on H.R. 917, the “Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.